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them such terms of purchase as they hoped would be satisfactory. He further reported, that the Committee could furnish for the Society the sum of six thousand dollars, inclusive of Mr. Sears's donation, towards the desired fund of ten thousand dollars.

On motion of Mr. DEANE, — *Voted*, That the Committee of Three be fully empowered to purchase so much of the estate now occupied by the Society as belongs to the Provident Institution for Savings, at such price as to them shall seem warranted by the financial condition of the Society.

On motion of Dr. SHURTLEFF, — *Voted*, That the Committee of Ten be authorized and instructed to obtain such additions to the trust-fund now established as may be in their power, by appealing to the liberality of those interested in the Society, whether as members or friends.

DECEMBER MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 13, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, through the Smithsonian Institution; the Library Committee of the London Traders' Tokens; the Wisconsin Historical Society; Hon. William Appleton; Dr. Samuel A. Greene; Lieut. J. M. Gillis, U.S.N.; Yale College; the Selectmen of

Medford ; L. Grosvenor and Charles Hosmer, Esqs. ; and from Messrs. Savage and Winthrop, of this Society.

The Librarian reported the name of each book which had been out of the library for a longer term than is permitted by the by-laws.

The President, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, read letters of acceptance from Rev. JOHN S. BARRY, and JOHN A. LOWELL, LL.D.

The Treasurer communicated a letter from Mr. Sears, of Nov. 12 last, enclosing a note for two thousand dollars, — the foundation of the “trust-fund,” — payable on the first day of January next.

The President, for the Committee of Ten, reported, in part, that they have made satisfactory progress in the work assigned them, as follows : —

In addition to the \$2,000 originally contributed by Mr. Sears, the Committee have obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$5,750 ; making \$7,750 in all. They have also assurances of additional subscriptions to the amount of \$1,200.

The Committee are of the opinion that the sum originally suggested — viz., \$12,000 — will be sufficient for the purposes proposed ; and they have the best hopes that the remaining \$3,000 of the \$12,000 will be secured in season for the negotiation which is understood to be pending for the purchase of such portion of our present building as does not already belong to us, or to accomplish the object in some other way.

The Committee will take some future opportunity for calling the attention of the Society to the liberality of the gentlemen, both out of the Society and in it, to whom it is indebted for the progress thus made.